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SUBJECT: EVENING TRAVELLING PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 8

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WIRE SERVICES
AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM TAIF

EAD:"A SPOKESMAN FOR SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE SAID TODAY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION MAY BE READY TO ACCEPT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE.

OTHER POINTS:

--OTHER US OFFICIALS SAID THE CHANGE IN PLO POSITION MAY BE CARRIED OUT NEXT WEEK AT CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING IN
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DAMASCUS.

--CHANGE IN POSITION WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF ACCEPTING US RESOLUTION 242.

--BEGIN OFFERED NO COMMENT, AND CHANGE IN PLO POSITION WOULD NOT NECESSARILY MEAN PLO INCLUSION IN GENEVA CON-

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FERENCE, SINCE ANY PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL.

--US WOULD DROP DEMAND THAT PLO CHANGE ITS CHARTER WHICH CALLS FOR DISMATNTLING JEWISH STATE.

--WORD OF PLO SHIFT IN POSITION CAME FROM SAUD AL FAISAL, THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER.

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM TIAF

LEAD: SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE EXTENDED HIS MIDDLE EAST PEACE MISSION MONDAY AMID ENCOURAGING REPORTS THAT THE PLO WAS PREPARED TO SOFTEN ITS HARD-LINE STANCE AGAINST ISRAEL.

OTHER POINTS:

--PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED IN PLAINS THAT VANCE WILL REMAIN IN MID-EAST FOR "SECOND ROUND" OF TALKS IN LIGHT OF CHANGE IN PLO STANCE.

--SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID PLO MUST ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242 "IN ITS ENTIRETY WITHOUT MODIFICATION."

--US OFFICIALS SAID SAUDIS PLAYED MODERATING ROLE IN MID-EAST NEGOTIATIONS.
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--ISRAEL SHOWING SIGNS OF ALARM THAT US IS SHIFTING POLICY IN FAVORING THE ARAB SIDE.

--US OFFICIALS SAID PLO RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST WOULD NOT REQUIRE CHANGE IN PLO CHARTER.

REUTERS -- ROY GUTMAN FROM TAIF

LEAD: SAUDI ARABIA HAS INFORMED THE UNITED STATES THAT THE PLO WILL SOON ANNOUNCE A POLICY SWITCH OVER THE KEY UN RESOLUTION REGARDED AS A BASIS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID HERE TODAY.

OTHER POINTS:

--WORD OF THE PLO SWITCH CAME ONLY HOURS BEFORE PRESIDENT SAID PLO ACCEPTANCE OF 242 WOULD PERMIT US TO OPEN RELA-TIONS WITH PLO.

--PLO WANTS WORDING OF 242 CHANGED TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINES; CHANGE IN WORDING COULD NPW

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LEAD TO MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN MID-EAST.

--SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID PLO ACCEPTANCE OF 242 "WOULD ACCOMPLISH THE SAME PURPOSE AS CHANGING THE COVENANT" OF PLO.

--BEGIN DENOUNCED PLO TODAY, SAYING ISRAEL WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH "AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS ASPIRATIONS OF GENOCIDE."

--SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID CLEAREST INDICATION OF PLO CHANGE IN STANCE CAME IN SAUDI ARABIA.

--SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID VANCE'S TALKS IN TIAF DEALT PRI-
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MARILY WITH QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE IN MID-EAST DISPUTE, IE, NATURE OF PEACE, RESOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL BOUNDARIES.

ABC -- PETER JENNINGS FROM TEL AVIV

LEAD: ON THE EVE OF SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S ARRIVAL HERE IN ISRAEL, THE UNITED STATES HAS DROPPED ITS DEMAND THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION REVISE ITS NATIONAL CHARTER. CLAUSES IN THAT CHARTER CALL FOR THE DISMANTLING OF ISRAEL AS A JEWISH STATE. THE US POSITION AS OF TONIGHT IS THIS: IF THE PLO ACCEPTS UN RESOLUTION 242, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA, THE US WOULD SUPPORT PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE TALKS WITHOUT REVISING ITS CHARTER. IN SAUDI ARABIA, WHERE THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS TONIGHT, THE SAUDIS HAVE TOLD THE AMERICANS THAT A SPECIFIC STATEMENT FROM THE PLO ON THAT SPECIFIC UN RESOLUTION WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. OUR STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENT, BARRIE DUNSMORE, IS WITH THE SECRETARY'S PARTY IN SAUDI ARABIA.

DUNSMORE: SECRETARY VANCE MET WITH SAUDI ARABIA;S KING KHALID AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD IN THE SAUDIAN ARABIAN SUMMER CAPITAL TODAY. INEVITABLY, SOME OF THE CONVERSATION WOULD DEAL WITH REPORTS THAT THE PLO MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT UN RESOLUTION 242 WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT IS THAT 242 IS THE BASIS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA AND ACCEPTANCE OF IT IS IMPLICIT RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST IN PEACE. IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAS RECEIVED INDIRECT MESSAGES FROM THE PLO ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT US SOURCES SAY THE MESSAGES HAVE BEEN VARIED AND THEY NEED CLARIFICATION. SUCH CLARIFICATIONS WERE PROBABLY SOUGHT
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FROM THE SAUDIS TODAY. BUT IN ANY CASE, IT'S ASSUMED THAT THE PLO WANTS A CHANGE IN 242 FROM PRESENT REFERENCE TO A "REFUGEE PROBLEM" TO A RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AS A PEOPLE. THE US DOES NOT WANT TO SEE A CHANGE IN 242 BECAUSE THE BEAUTY OF IT IS, IT'S ENOUGH TO SATISFY EVERYBODY. TO CHANGE IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE REJECTED BY THE ISRAELIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS POSSIBLE TO BROADEN THE INTERPRETATION OF 242. FOR IN-STANCE, THE US HAS ALREADY DECIDED THAT SETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM MEANS CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN ENTITY. THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH FOR THE PLO, BUT IT IS ALREADY TOO MUCH FOR THE ISRAELIS.

JENNINGS: CONFIRMATION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE US GOVERN-MENT AND THE PLO CAME EARLIER TODAY FROM PLAINS, GEORGIA. IT WAS THERE THAT DAVID GARCIA CAUGHT UP WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

PRESIDENT CARTER: 'WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY DIRECT CONVERSA-TIONS WITH THEM, BUT OF COURSE THEY ARE SENDING MESSAGES

THROUGH THB SYRIANS AND THE SAUDI ARABIANS, THE JORDANIANS AND THE EGYPTIANS, SO WE HAVE A MEANS TO CONTACT THEM AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH THEM INDIRECTLY. IF THE PALES-TINIANS WILL RECOGNIZE THE APPLICABILITY OF UN RESOLUTION 242, THEN THEY WOULD OPEN UP A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO START DISCUSSIONS WITH THEN AND ALSO OPEN UP AN AVENUE SO THAT THEY MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN A GENEVA CONFERENCE. BUT WHETHER THEY'LL DO THAT, WE DON'T KNOW YET. WE ARE NOT GOING TO MEET WITH THEPALESTINIAN LEADERS AS LONG AS THEY ARE COMMITTED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL."

JENNNINGS: ONE OF THE EARLIER GO-BETWEENS THE STATE DEPART-MENT AND THE PLO TOLD US TODAY ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THAT MOVEBYTHE PLO MAY BE THEIR FEAR THAT THEY COULD BE FROZEN OUT OF THE PEACE SETTLEMENT BY EGYPT AND SYRIA. IN
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DAMASCUS, SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD IN A PRIVATE INTERVIEW THE OTHER DAY TOLD US HE COULD BE FLEXIBLE ON THE QUES-TION OF THE PLO, OR FOR THAT MATTER HIS OWN PRESENCE AT ANY INITIAL GENEVA CONFERENCE.

ASSAD: IF THERE IS ANY SERVICE IN OUR GOING TO GENEVA, IF THERE IS ANY SERVICE TO OUR COURSE WHICH IS IMBEDDED IN

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THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND
IN ASSURING THE RIGHTS IF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE --
IF THERE IS ANY SERVICE TO THIS COURSE -- IN ITS TWO
BRANCHES, THEN WE WILL GO. BUT IF THERE IS NO SERVICE TO
THIS COURSE IN IT'S TWO BRANCHES, I REPEAT, THE ARAB AND
THE PALESTINIAN ASPECTS OF THE COURSE, THEN WE WILL NOT.

JENNINGS: "THE SYRIANS ARE QUICK TO TELL ANYONE THEY ARE
AS FED UP WITH WAR AS ANYONE, TIRED OF THE INROADS
MILITARY SPENDING MAKES ON THEIR ECONOMY. IT IS STILL
WELL TO REMEMBER, HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT COMPROMISE EASILY.
THEY AHVE ALWAYS REGARDED THEMSELVES AS THE PROTOTYPE
ARABS. THUS THE PASSIONATE ARGUMENT IN SYRIA FOR ARAB
UNITY--ALONG SYRIAN LINES, OF COURSE. SYRIA HAS CON-
SIDERABLE INFLUENCE OVER THE PALESTINIANS. IT HAS INFLUENCE
IN LEBANON AND TO SOME EXTENT IN JORDAN TOO.

--THE SYRIAN ARMY IS WELL SUPPLIED BY THE SOVIET UNION.
ALL THIS MEANS IN DAMASCUS, AMERICA DOES NOT HOLD ALL
THE CARDS. SYRIA REMAINS, AS THE ISRAELIS KNOW FULL
WELL, THE HARDEST NATION TO DEAL WITH. A MAJOR QUESTION
NOW IS WHAT THE ISRAELI REACTION WILL BE. THE ISRAELI PM
MR. BEGIN SAID HERE TODAY THAT ISRAEL HAS A WRITTEN AGREE-
MENT WITH THE US SAYING THE MAKE-UP OF DELEGATIONS TO A
GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL NOT INCLUDE THE PLO WITHOUT ISRAELI
CONSENT. A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN TOLD US THAT ISRAEL
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DID NOT KNOW THIS WAS COMING.

CBS - ROGER MUDD

THE SAUDIS TODAY PROVIDED THE CLUE THAT COULD END THE
MIDDLE EAST DEADLOCK. THEY SAID THE PLO WOULD ACCEPT
A UN RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.
IN THEORY THIS WOULD MEET ISRAEL DEMANDS AND WOULD ALLOW
FOR PLO PARTICIPATION AT A NEW GENEVA PEACE TALKS. WE
HAVE REPORTS FROM BERNARD KALB AND BOB SCHIEFFER.

KALB IN TAIF:

DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH THE SAUDI KING AND OTHER
OFFICIALS TODAY, SECRETARY VANCE WAS TOLD THAT THE PLO
WILL ANNOUNCE A CHANGE IN ITS POSITION ON UN RESOLUTION
242, A SHIFT THAT IN EFFECT TRADES ARAB RECOGNITION OF
ISRAEL FOR ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY.
THIS INTELLIGENCE WAS RELAYED AS AMERICANS SOUGHT
CLARIFICATION THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES OF AMBIGUOUS PLO
REPORTS DEALING WITH THIS RESOLUTION. THE PALESTINIANS
HAD BITTERLY OPPOSED 242 AND IN AN APPARENT BID TO

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ENCOURAGE THE PALESTINIANS TO REVERSE THEIR POSITION,
VANCE INDIRECTLY OFFERED THE PLO A CONCESSION. IF THE
PALESTINIANS ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION, THE US WOULD REGARD
THIS ACTION AS CANCELING THOSE PORTIONS OF THE PLO
CHARTER THAT CALLED FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL.
THE CHARTER WAS DRAWN UP IN THE MID-1960S. IT
ESTABLISHES THE GUIDELINES FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE.
THE VANCE MOVE REPRESENTS A SHIFT IN US POLICY. DURING
HIS FEBRUARY MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST, VANCE SAID
IN ISRAEL THAT THE PLO COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A
GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE SO LONG AS THEY STAND BY THE
CHARTER AND REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE UN RESOLUTION.
TOMORROW, VANCE FLIES TO ISRAEL, AND GIVEN THE FACT
THAT HE IS NOW REALLY IN SPECIFICS RATHER THAN IN
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GENERALITIES, HIS MEETINGS WITH PM BEGIN ARE EXPECTED
TO BE ROUGH GOING, BEARING LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO THE
UPBEAT GET-TOGETHERS OF BEGIN AND PRESIDENT CARTER
IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH.

SCHIEFFER IN PLAINS:

THE PRESIDENT WAS UP EARLY TO CHECK ON BUSINESS AT THE
FAMILY'S PEANUT WAREHOUSE, BUT WHEN REPORTERS CAUGHT UP,
THE TALK QUICKLY TURNED TO THE MIDDLE EAST. MR. CARTER
CONFIRMED THERE HAVE BEEN US CONTACTS THROUGH OTHER
GOVERNMENTS WITH THE PALESTINIANS. ASKED WHAT THE
PALESTINIANS HAD BEEN SAYING, HE GAVE THIS RESPONSE:

CARTER:

THEY MAY ADOPT UN RESOLUTION 242, WHICH DOES RECOGNIZE
ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST PERMANENTLY AND IN PEACE WITH
SECURE BORDERS. THE THING THAT HAS MADE THE PALESTINIANS
RELUCTANT TO DO THIS IS AT THE TIME 242 WAS PASSED,
IT ONLY REFERRED TO THE PALESTINIANS AS REFUGEES. IF
THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD SAY WE RECOGNIZE UN RESOLUTION
242 IN ITS ENTIRETY BUT REPEAT THE PALESTINIANS HAVE
ADDITIONAL STATUS OTHER THAN JUST REFUGEES, THAT WOULD
SUIT TO US OK.

SCHIEFFER:

PALESTINIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD BRING NEW
PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO ALLOW THE PALESTINIANS TO HAVE A
ROLE IN ANY MIDDLE EAST PEACE BARGAINING, AND MR. CARTER'S
HERE TODAY WILL INCREASE THAT PRESSURE, SINCE HE TOLD
REPORTERS IF THE PALESTINIANS DO GO ALONG ON THE
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RESOLUTION, IT WILL GIVE THE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
OPEN DIRECT TALKS WITH THEM, SOMETHING THAT UNTIL NOW
NO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WILLING TO DO.

MUDD:

IN BEIRUT A PLO SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT THE ORGANIZATION
WAS PLANNING EITHER TO ACCEPT THE UN RESOLUTION OR
RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. IN JERUSALEM, ISRAELI PM BEGIN SAID
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THE PLO DOES, ISRAEL'S POSITION
IS UNCHANGED. MORE ON THAT STORY FROM BRUNO WASSERTEIL:

WASSERTEIL:

HIGH RANKING ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAID TONIGHT THAT ISRAEL
WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
THIS TOO APPEARED TO BE THE MESSAGE GIVEN EARLIER
TODAY BY PM BEGIN WHEN HE ADDRESSED AN ISRAEL BONDS
MISSION FROM THE US AND CANADA. WHEN THE SUBJECT
CAME AROUND TO THE PLO, BEGIN MADE NO SECRET OF HIS
UTTER CONTEMPT OF THE ORGANIZATION:

BEGIN:

WHAT ABOUT THE PLO? WHAT ABOUT THEM? THEY ARE
GENOCIDISTS. THEY SHOULD BE PUT OUT OF THE PALE OF
HUMAN CIVILIZATION.

WASSERTEIL:

BEGIN NOTED THAT ISRAEL HAD SIGNED A SOLEMN AGREEMENT
WITH THE US GIVING ISRAEL THE RIGHT TO VETO PLO
PARTICIPATION AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

BEGIN:

WE CAN'T AGREE TO THE CHANGE TO INCLUDE THE ORGANIZATION
OF GENOCIDISTS, OF KILLERS.

WASSERTEIL:

THE PM AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS ARE EAGERLY AWAITING THE
ARRIVAL TOMORROW OF SECRETARY VANCE TO FIND OUT WHETHER

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THERE HAS BEEN ANY REAL CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN POSITION
REGARDING THE PLO. IT SEEMS AXIOMATIC HERE THAT ANY
STEP CLOSER TO THE PLO WOULD PUT AMERICA THAT MUCH
FURTHER AWAY FROM ISRAEL.

TV NETWORKS

NBC NEWS - JOHN CHANCELLOR

LEAD:AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY THERE MAY BE A BREAKTHROUGH
COMING IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THERE ARE
INDICATIONS THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION MAY
BE PREPARING TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL UNDER THE
TERMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.
RESOLUTION 242 SAYS THAT ALL PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THE
SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPEND-
ENCE OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA AND THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE
IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. AS OF
NOW IT IS PLO POLICY NOT TO ACCEPT THAT RESOLUTION OR TO
RECOGNIZE ISRAEL BUT IF A CHANGE IN POLICY IS COMING THE
PLO COULD MAKE IT AT A COUNCIL MEETING LATER THIS MONTH.

THE STORY BROKE AS SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE WAS VISIT-
ING SAUDI ARABIA.

--RICHARD VALERIANI FROM SAUDI ARABIA
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--DURING HIS TALKS THE SAUDIA ARABIAN PRIME MINISTER
SAUD , SECRETARY VANCE WAS TOLD THAT THE PALESTINE LIB-
ERATION ORGANIZATION IS PLANNING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT
ON A CHANGE IN ITS POSITION ON UN RESOLUTION 242. BUT
VANCE WAS NOT TOLD WHAT THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT WOULD BE, AND EXACTLY WHEN IT WOULD COME. UP TO NOW
THE PLO HAS REJECTED RESOLUTION 242 THAT PROVIDES THE
BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE
PLO NATIONAL COVENENT CALLS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE
JEWISH STATE. BUT IN VANCE'S VIEW PLO ACCEPTANCE OF
242 NOW WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF RECOGNIZING ISRAEL'S
RIGHT TO EXIST IN PEACE AND THE WAY WOULD THEN BE CLEAR
FOR THE US TO BEGIN DEALING DIRECTLY WITH THE PLO BUT IT
MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO ARRANGE A NEW ROUND OF ARAB-ISRAELI
NEGOTIATIONS AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SAID ALL ALONG THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST MUST DEPEND ON THE RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL BY THE ARABS
AND ISRAEL'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTIN-
IANS. THE PRESIDENT WAS IN PLAINS TODAY TALKING ABOUT
THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT.

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CAROL SIMPSON FROM PLAINS

--PRESIDENT CARTER HAD APPARENTLY BEEN BRIEFED BY SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE EARLY TODAY BEFORE HE PAID A VISIT TO CARTER FAMILY PEANUT WAREHOUSE. MR. CARTER INDICATED THAT

HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY NEWS THAT THE PALESTINIANS MAY BE READY TO GO ALONG WITH THE UN RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST. UPON LEAVING THE PRESIDENT TOLD REPORTERS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO ANY GENEVA PEACE TALKS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAD BEEN THE PALESTINIAN'S RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT ISRAEL." OUR POSITION HAS BEEN THAT UNTIL THE PALESTINIANS AND THEIR LEADERS RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT
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TO EXIST THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM OURSELVES. SO IF THE PALESTINIANS DO ADOPT, AS A BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSION, THE UN RESOLUTION 242 AND 338, THEN THAT WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE IT EASIER TO GO--SENDING US MESSAGES THROUGH THE SYRIANS, THE SAUDI ARABIANS, AND THE JORDANIANS AND THE EGYPTIANS. SO WE HAVE A MEANS TO CONTEMPLATE AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH THEM INDIRECTLY. BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO MEET WITH THEPALESTINIAN LEADERS AS LONG AS THEY ARE COMMITTED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL." PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO SAID THE PROSPECTS FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE HAV NOT CHANGED. HE SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER THE PALESTINIANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE OR NOT. BUT ON THE SITUATION AS A WHOLE, MR. CARTER SAID "THINGS LOOK BETTER THAN THEY DID."

CHANCELLOR: IN ISRAEL THE UNOFFICIAL REACTION TO ALL OF THIS WAS ONE OF SUSPICION AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN DECLINED ANY ON THE RECORD COMMENTS.

JONATHAN BRODER FROM TEL AVIV

--THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL ISRAELI REACTION TO THE AMERICAN STATEMENTS REGARDING THE PALESTINIANS AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. BUT SPEAKING IN JERUSALEM TODAY PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AGAIN BLUNTLY REJECTED ANY PLO PARTICIPATION IN A GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

BEGIN: "THEY ARE GENOCIDESTS. THEY SHOULD BE PUT OUT OF THE PALE OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION. THE ATTITUDE OF ALL FREE NATIONS SHOULD BE TOWARD THEM AS TOWARD ALL EVIL CIVILIZATIONS. . . SHOULD WE NEGOTIATIATE WITH THEM . . . OUR DEPARTURE FROM THIS LAND? TO GIVE OUR LAND TO GENOCIDISTS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO PUT
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THE KNIFE INTO OUR HEARTS?

BRODER:

IN THE PAST ISRAEL HAS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED THE SAME
PROPOSAL SECRETARY VANCE IS NOW CARRYING, AND THERE IS
EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IF SECRETARY VANCE ARRIVES
IN JERUSALEM TO DISCUSS UN RESOLUTIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE PLO, HIS RECEPTION WILL BE EXTREMELY COOL. CHRISTOPHER

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